

which the same were levied, together with such sums as may be received from the United States in payment of war claims, shall be placed to the credit of the general revenue fund.

Taxes to be paid
in gold, silver
and U. S. notes.

SEC. 4. All taxes collected under the provisions of the foregoing sections, and all moneys to be received in lieu of taxation, shall be paid in gold, silver, and United States notes.

When act to take
effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1870.

CHAPTER XXIV.

March 4, 1870.

An Act to promote Immigration.

- SECTION 1. Board of Immigration—of whom to consist.
2. Duties of Board.
 3. May cause to be published and distributed pamphlets, &c., treating on the resources of Minnesota.
 4. Board authorized to appoint agents for the purpose of aiding emigrants on their way to this State—may allow compensation for said agents.
 5. Board authorized to lease houses to be used as a rendezvous for immigrants.
 6. Appropriation to be expended under the direction and control of said Board—in what amount.
 7. Board authorized to open books and solicit contributions from those immediately interested—title of fund so created.
 8. Board to make report to Legislature—what to contain.
 9. Repeal of inconsistent acts.
 10. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Board of immi-
gration—of whom
to consist.

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a board of immigration, which shall consist of five members, two of which shall be John C. Devereux and J. T. Williams.

SEC. 2. The governor, secretary of state and state treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this board, and it shall be its duty to do everything which may enhance and encourage immigration to our state. Duties of board.

SEC. 3. The members of this board shall, if deemed advisable and proper for the encouragement of immigration, engage suitable correspondents, publish or cause to be published, pamphlets, guide books and articles treating on and describing in a true light the developed and undeveloped resources of the state of Minnesota, and to distribute them in such localities, wherever, in their opinion, they may be useful, beneficial, and of good for the promotion of immigration to this state. To publish and distribute articles relative to the resources of this State.

SEC. 4. Whenever deemed expedient and proper, the said board shall also have power to appoint agents for the purpose of aiding, protecting and advising the emigrant on his way to this state, and such agents shall act solely under the instruction of the board of immigration, which board shall also fix and allow compensation for their services, to be paid out of the fund created as hereinafter provided. Board to appoint agents and allow compensation.

SEC. 5. The said board shall also have power to build, hire or lease houses at such places in the state, as to it may seem proper, for the protection or keeping of poor and needy immigrants, until they can reach their place of destination in the state, and to do and perform such other acts as to it may seem best suited for the encouragement of immigration. May lease houses—for what purpose.

SEC. 6. The sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the use of the board of immigration, and to be expended by them as they may think best and expedient for the interests of immigration to the state of Minnesota. Board to control appropriation—in what amount.

SEC. 7. The board of immigration is furthermore authorized and shall have power to open books and invite and solicit contributions and endowment of money from corporations, manufacturers, merchants and all persons benefited by the flow of immigration, which money so contributed shall also be under the control of and expended by the board for the interest and purposes stated in the preceding sections, and the fund so created shall be called "immigration fund," and shall remain in the state treasury subject to the order of the board. Board to solicit contributions—title of such fund.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of said board to make

Board to make report—what to contain.

reports of their labors and proceedings to the state legislature, accompanied by such references, suggestions and statistics as may furnish good and reliable data and a proper basis for future legislation on the subject of immigration.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

SEC. 9. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1870.

CHAPTER XXV.

March 4, 1870.

An Act to provide for the collection and publication of Statistics.

- SECTION 1. Who to be Commissioner of Statistics—duty of.
2. May make general and special inquiries of any State, County, City or Town Officer on all matters of information which can be gathered from records in their official keeping—compensation of said officers for such service.
 3. Duty of Town Assessors—suitable blanks to be furnished by said Commissioner—penalty for neglect of duty—duty of County Auditors.
 4. City and Town Clerks to keep register of births and deaths—form of blank to be used for the purpose.
 5. Duty of parents and others in case of birth or death—penalty for refusal or neglect to notify said officers—within what time specified.
 6. Duty of physician attending a person during his last illness—penalty for non-compliance.
 7. When Clerks to transmit certified copy of the registry of births and deaths to Clerk of District Court—compensation—penalty for negligence or refusal—when Clerk of District Court to report to Commissioner of Statistics.
 8. Commissioner of Statistics to prepare and furnish suitable blanks to facilitate a prompt and uniform performance of duties required.
 9. Forfeiture for non-performance of duties—in what amount.
 10. When Commissioner to make report to Governor.
 11. Annual appropriation to cover necessary disbursements.
 12. Repeal of inconsistent acts.
 13. When act to take effect.